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**Letter dated 11 March 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Honduras to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council**

Acting on instructions from my Government, I should like to request that the letter dated 5 March 2002 from His Excellency, Mr. Guillermo Pérez-Cadalso Arias, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Honduras, addressed to you as President of the Security Council concerning the judgment of the International Court of Justice in the case concerning Honduras and El Salvador, be circulated as a document of the Security Council (see annex).

(*Signed*) Marco A. **Suazo**
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## Annex to the letter dated 11 March 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Honduras to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

**Ref.: Report of the Government of Honduras to the United Nations Security Council on unjustified delays in the full implementation of the Judgment of the International Court of Justice of 11 September 1992**

I have the honour to refer to our request submitted to the Security Council on 20 January 2002 with a view to facilitating the implementation of the judgment of the chamber constituted by the International Court of Justice in the case concerning the Land, Island and Maritime Frontier Dispute between Honduras and El Salvador (Nicaragua intervening), of 11 September 1992.

While requesting that the following information be added to the relevant file, I wish to inform you that El Salvador entered a reservation with respect to the Convention for Cooperation in the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northeast Pacific, signed on 19 February 2002 in Antigua, Guatemala. The reservation reads as follows:

> "The Republic of El Salvador, in accordance with article 24 of the Convention for Cooperation in the Protection and Sustainable Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northeast Pacific, enters the following reservation and interpretative declaration:
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> (a) None of the provisions of the Convention may be interpreted as meaning that they affect the rights of El Salvador in its marine and coastal areas or in any other part of its territory, or imply in any way either total or partial relinquishment of its claims to territories and maritime and island areas;
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> (b) The Republic of El Salvador does not renounce either totally or partially its sovereignty, jurisdiction and rights over its territory, adjacent banks, internal waters, territorial sea, contiguous zone, continental shelf, exclusive economic zone and airspace, which belong to it in accordance with its domestic law and international law;
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> (c) Signature of this Convention by non-riparian States in the North-East Pacific, and its entry into effect with respect to such States, shall not affect the legal position of El Salvador on the limits of its maritime spaces or of its maritime jurisdiction.
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> The Republic of El Salvador reserves the right to reject any proposal, measure, project, statement, law or regulation based on unilateral acts on the part of one or more States to the detriment of its sovereignty and territorial rights."

The reservation entered by El Salvador challenges and attempts to disregard both the letter and the spirit of the Judgment of the International Court of Justice of 11 September 1992 with respect to the maritime spaces of Honduras in the Pacific Ocean.

(*Signed*) Guillermo **Pérez-Cadalso Arias**
Minister of State